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6. The headquarters of OTDEL V for the Russian Zone of Germany is located in Berlin-Friedrichshain, Hufeland Strasse 38-39. The Commanding Officer is Captain RADINIONOV. The personnel officer is Captain BALABAN and the political officer is Captain PRAVDIFZEN. Senior Lt. PIUSCHINKO is in charge of the report writing section, assisted by two German-speaking sergeants. The headquarters of the Russian Military Censorship in Germany is consolidating all reports and intercepts coming in from the sub-regions in Schwerin, Dresden, Halle, and Weimar, and distributes reports to different Russian offices. The exact distribution is not known except that copies of the reports are submitted to the office of Col. General SEROV, to the SMA, and that certain reports concerning the SED are forwarded to the Zentral Komitee of the SED.

7. The group in Neuenhagen was moved to Berlin/Pankow, Berlinerstrasse 19, where it is at present. The section, Post No. 220, is concerned with censorship of civilian mail originating in and addressed to the Russian Sector of Berlin. It is divided into three sub-sections, two of which are concerned with the censoring of mail, and a third which is exclusively occupied with opening and sealing letters. A clerical and translation section of three to five clerks and translators, all Soviet Army personnel, is attached to the censorship group, comprising in all eighty people at present. Captain RABININ was formerly in charge of Post 220 but has been recalled. Political Commissar in charge of the political education of the group is Major KOZLOV, and Senior Lieutenant USCHENKO is in charge of the distribution of censorship intercepts to the proper investigative agencies.

8. Post No. 221, Berlin-Friedrichshain, Hufeland Strasse 12, is concerned with administration and the schooling of censors. German classes are conducted by Russian teachers for 250 to 300 students, mostly female Soviet military personnel. A regular censorship course is also given; however the curriculum of this course is not known. A course on military administration for the Russian Zone of Germany is also being presented. Senior Lieutenant MUKHIN is in charge of Post 221. No German personnel is employed in the Military Censorship Section of the Soviet Army.

9. Post No. 222, in Berlin-Friedrichshain, Esmarchstrasse, is charged with the censoring of mail originating in the Russian Sector of Berlin and addressed to people in foreign countries, or mail originating in foreign countries and addressed to persons living in the Russian Sector of Berlin. Captain GUNTJA is in charge of this post.